

City of Rockville
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Date: June 2, 2009

Board/Commission Interested In: Human Rights Commission

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Summary of Work Experience: see C.V.

Experience: see C.V.

Education/Training: see C.V.

Volunteer Activities: see C.V.

Professional Affiliations/Memberships: Interdisciplinary Centre
for Gender Studies at the University of
Berne, Switzerland

Please describe your interest in serving on this Board/Commission I have a great passion and
interest in human rights work and I would like to put my
international experience into practice at the local level.

Please indicate here ☒ yes or ☐ no whether or not the City may give elected officials who serve Rockville (other than the Mayor and Council) your name and address. This information would not be used for any fund-raising, "issues" mailings or campaign mailings. No phone numbers will be given.

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Rockville, MD 20850
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Curriculum Vitae - Catharina Barbara Benninger-Budel

Born on 8th of June 1969 in Meppel, the Netherlands
Dutch National

Education

1994 - 1995

University of Utrecht, Law School, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Additional Specialisation in International Law

Thesis: "Indigenous Women – And the Conflict between the Collective Right to Cultural Identity and the Individual Rights of Women" (in Dutch)

1988 - 1994

University of Utrecht, Law School, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Title: "*Meester in de Rechten*" Specialities in Civil and Penal Law and Public, Economic and Corporate Law

Thesis: "Unqualified Representation of Corporations" (in Dutch)

10/1993 - 04/1994

University of Geneva, Law School, Geneva, Switzerland

ERASMUS Exchange Programme

Professional Experience

03/2006 - 03/2007

Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender and Women Studies at the University of Bern (IZFG), Berne, Switzerland

Scientific Collaborator

Devised, planned and edited a publication entitled "Due Diligence And Its Application to Protect Women from Violence."

12/2005 - 01/2006

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), Geneva, Switzerland

Consultant

Drafted a chapter on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women for a handbook on international and regional human rights procedures, to be published in 2006.

03/1997 - 09/2005

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), Geneva, Switzerland

January 1998 – September 2005: Violence against Women Programme Manager

- Developed, planned and steered the activities of the violence against women programme;
- Researched and analysed international human rights law and national laws in relation to violence against women;
- Drafted and edited alternative country reports on violence against women for the relevant UN human rights treaty monitoring bodies;
- Lobbied and intervened at the UN Commission on Human Rights, the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the sessions of the UN human rights treaty monitoring bodies and other human rights conferences;
- Planned and organised conferences on issues related to violence against women;
- Trained NGO members and students on issues relating to human rights, including violence against women;
- Drafted urgent appeals on violence against women;
- Fundraising.

December 1996 - December 1997: Programme Assistant

- Drafted urgent appeals on torture, summary executions, forced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment;
- Drafted alternative country reports for the UN Committee against Torture.

01/1996 - 08/1996

Eiffel BV, Arnhem, the Netherlands

Tax Lawyer

- Worked on projects regarding local tax legislation for several local governments;
- Dealt with appeals and issued decrees.

Additional Professional Activities

01/2001 - 07/2004

President of the Working Group on the Girl Child within the framework of the United Nations NGO Committee on the Status of Women

Internships

12/1996 - 02/1997

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), Geneva, Switzerland

Intern with the Urgent appeals Programme

05/1995 - 08/1995

United Nations Centre for Human Rights (today Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), Geneva, Switzerland

Intern with the Unit for Indigenous Peoples

- Prepared and monitored the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the Inter-Agency Meeting;
- Researched international human rights law relating to indigenous women.

02/1994 - 03/1994

United Nations Centre for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland

Intern with the secretariat of the fiftieth session of the Commission on Human Rights

- Monitored the Commission on Human Rights;
- Co-drafted the official report of the Commission on Human Rights.

04/1993 - 05/1993

Law Firm Bots Van Ravenhorst, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Practical Training

- Performed legal research;
- Summarised and organised findings in preparation for use in trials;
- Drafted legal documents and letters.

Languages

Dutch:	Mother tongue
English:	Fluent spoken and written
French:	Excellent comprehension, good working knowledge when spoken or written
German:	Excellent comprehension, very good knowledge when spoken or written

Publications

Due Diligence and Its Application to Protect Women from Violence, Editor, Martinus Nijhoff Publications, Leiden, October 2008

Individual Complaints under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, Chapter in *Seeking Remedies for Torture Victims: A Handbook on the Individual Complaints Procedures of the UN Treaty Bodies*, The World Organisation Against Torture Handbook Series, Volume 4, Geneva, October 2006

Violence against Women, 10 reports 2003, for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, June 2004 (co-author: Lucinda O'Hanlon)

Expanding the Definition of Torture, in *Human Rights Dialogue, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs*; Series 2, Number 10, Fall 2003 (co-author: Lucinda O'Hanlon)

Violence against Women in Morocco, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2003

Violence against Women, 10 reports 2002, for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2003, (co-author: J. Bourke-Martignoni)

Violence against Women in Tunisia, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2003

Violence against Women in Greece, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2002

Violence against Girls in Turkey, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2002

Violence against Women, 10 reports 2001, for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2002, (co-author: J. Bourke-Martignoni)

Violence against Women in Egypt, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2001

Violence against Women in Burundi, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2001

Violence against Women, 10 reports 2000, for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2001, (co-author: J. Bourke-Martignoni)

Violence against Girls in South Africa, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 2000

Violence against Women: A Report, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 1999, (co-author: A. Lacroix)

Violence against Women in Thailand, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 1999.

Violence against Women in Zimbabwe, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 1998

Violence against Women in Indonesia, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 1998

Implementation of the Convention against Torture by Namibia, World Organisation Against Torture Publications, Geneva, 1997